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U.S. NEGOTIATOR LOOKS TO BETTER WORLD TRADE UNDERSTANDINGS

BRASILIA, APRIL 24 -- AMBASSADOR WILLIAM D. EBERLE, PRESIDENT NIXON'S SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS, CURRENTLY ON A NINE-NATION HEMISPHERIC TOUR, SAYS HE HOPES THAT HIS TALKS WITH LATIN AMERICAN TRADE AUTHORITIES CAN LEAD TO SPECIFIC USEFUL DEVELOPMENTS IN CURRENT MULTINATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS.

HE SAID THAT THIS IS ONE MAJOR REASON FOR HIS PRESENT TOUR -- TO DRAW OUT "SPECIFICS" OF INTEREST TO THE VARIOUS HEMISPHERIC NATIONS IN THE CONTEXT OF THE ROUND OF TRADE TALKS THAT OPENED LAST SEPTEMBER IN TOKYO.

ANOTHER REASON FOR HIS TRIP, HE TOLD A PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRASILIA, WAS TO FOLLOW UP ON AN INITIATIVE FOR MORE REGULAR CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND
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OTHER HEMISPHERIC NATIONS WHICH U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE

KISSINGER CALLED FOR AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING IN MEXICO
OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS.

AMBASSADOR EBERLE SAID HE FELT CONFIDENT THE U.S.
ADMINISTRATION'S TRADE BILL, ALREADY APPROVED
BY THE U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES BY A TWO TO ONE VOTE,
ALSO WOULD BE PASSED BY THE U.S. SENATE LATER THIS YEAR.
HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THERE WAS A LIVELY DEBATE IN THE
CONGRESS ABOUT THE BILL AND THAT A GOOD MANY AMENDMENTS
MIGHT BE PROPOSED BEFORE THE TRADE BILL GOES TO A
CONFERENCE COMMITTEE OF THE TWO HOUSES OF CONGRESS.

BUT, HE SAID, THE BILL SHOULD EMERGE SATISFACTORY --
GIVING GENERALIZED PREFERENCES FOR PRODUCTS FROM LATIN
AMERICA AND OTHER DEVELOPING AREAS AND OPENING "GREAT
OPPORTUNITY" FOR ENTRY INTO THE U.S. OF A VIRIETY OF
PRODUCTS FROM THOSE AREAS.

BRASILIA WAS THE FOURTH STOP IN AMBASSADOR EBERLE'S
LATIN AMERICAN TOUR.
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